Demand of oil in India

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's oil demand is expected to grow by 0.13 million barrel per day (mb/d) and it tends to even out to a certain degree by the year end;

(b) whether oil demand declined by 47 trillion barrel per day (tb/d) in October, 2008 following the highest figure of plus 200 tb/d of the year in September, 2008;

(c) whether the demand of crude in the first quarter of 2009 may decline by 2.3 mb/d, compared to the same period last year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve India's oil production in 2009?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) India's demand for petroleum products during 2008-09 is estimated to be 133.4 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT), which is higher by 4.5 MMT (about 0.10 million barrels/day) as compared to 2007-08.

(b) The consumption of petroleum products in September 2008 was 351.8 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) (2578.9 thousand barrels) per day. In October 2008, the consumption was 345.5 TMT (2532.4 thousand barrels) per day. Thus, the per day demand in October 2008 was lower than the per day demand of September 2008 by 6.3 TMT (46.5 thousand barrels).

(c) With the commissioning of a new Refinery in the Jamnagar SEZ, the crude requirement is expected to increase in the first quarter of 2009 by about 0.15 million barrels/day.

(d) The Government has taken the following steps to meet the increased oil demand and to improve India's oil production:

i. Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), Coal Bed Methane (CBM) policy.

ii. Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling commencement of production.

iii. Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

iv. Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery from existing fields.

v. Arresting decline from ageing fields,

vi. Acquisition of exploration acreages and oil producing properties overseas to bring in equity oil.

vii. Substitution of oil in the transport sector through use of alternative fuels such as Bio-diesel, ethanol-blended petrol etc.

viii. Extraction of gas from gas hydrates under National Gas Hydrates Programme (NGHP) by evolving suitable production technology.

Measures for attracting foreign tourists

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